

required to maintain vehicle spacings and inspect bearings every 4 minutes. Reached altitude of 7630' at summit, over narrow, winding road of sand and broken stone, cut out of, and, in places, built up on mountain side. Total climb 14 mi. made in 6 hrs. slow progress being necessary to prevent accident. Grades 8% to 14%. Crossing Sierras without accident may be considered noteworthy achievement for heavy vehicles. Class B broke fan belt. One Trailmobile kitchen overturned and was wrecked, and was shipped to San Francisco. Mack broke connecting rod, pushing piston through top of the cylinder and cracking crank case, near Glenbrook, where noon "chow" was served, and was left there to make emergency repair by cutting out damaged cylinder, piston being welded and cemented in place. At California-Nevada line the War Camp Community Service and Mayor's Comm. of San Francisco gave fine barbeque and enthusiastic welcome. Mr. Celio, owner of Meyer's Ranch, served refreshments in evening around huge camp fire, while the Firestone representatives furnished movies and smokes. Scenery throughout day of greatest beauty, especially at Lake Tahoe. Fair and cool. Fair gravel roads. Made 34 miles in 13½ hrs. Arrived Meyers, California, 8 p.m.

Sept. 2

Departed Meyers, 6:30 a.m. Temperature 30°F. early in morning. Tractor & Mack with damaged engine, working on 3 cylinders, came in during night. Then Tractor towed this Mack up 12% to 15% grade 3.2 mi. to Sierra Nevada Summit, from which point the remainder of the route is down grade through the beautiful American River Canyon. Class B blew out cylinder head gasket and another sheared off rivets on 1st speed gear. F.W.D. #415766 adjusted brakes and burned out connecting rod bearing. Fair and warm. Graded dirt roads. Made 50 miles in 11½ hrs. Arrived Placerville, California, 6:15 p.m.

Sept. 3

Departed Placerville, 6:30 a.m. Entire route down grade over bitumen surfaced concrete roads lined with palm trees, through peach, almond, orange, and olive ranches, and vineyards. Populace showered Convoy with fruits. Entered Sacramento leading parade of motor trucks. Camped in State Fair Grounds with fair in progress. Dinner and cabaret to entire personnel by courtesy of Mr. John N. Willys, at the salesroom of the Willys-Overland Co. Dances for both officers and enlisted men. Mack put in new cylinder block, connecting rod, piston, etc. Fair and warm. Perfect roads. Made 52 miles in 8 hours. Arrived Sacramento, Calif. 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 4

Departed Sacramento, 6:15 a.m. Route through most productive fruit ranches and vineyards in the world. Passage over unsafe wooden bridge required extreme care to prevent breaking through. G.M.C. had carburetor trouble. Transmission in Class B gave more trouble. White connecting rod bearing worked loose. Cadillac timing chain stretched badly